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Claim Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121(c)

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A curling iron,
comprising:

- 5 a) steam used as a heat source of the iron;
- b) a steam generator electrically operated to
produce the steam, and including a plurality of steam
outlet ports, a plurality of steam supply control
switches, and a plurality of condensed water inlet ports,
10 ~~and a plurality of check valves for preventing a flow of
the steam into the condensed water inlet ports;~~
- c) a heating unit to transfer heat of the steam to
a target material, ~~the heating unit~~ including: a steam
feeding tube connected to one of the steam outlet ports
15 of the steam generator so as to feed the steam from the
steam generator; a steam storing/heat dissipating tube to
receive the steam fed through the steam feeding tube,
store the steam therein, and transfer heat of the steam
to the target material; a condensed water discharging
20 unit connected to the steam storing/heat dissipating tube
so as to discharge condensed water produced by a
condensation of the steam in the steam storing/heat
dissipating tube; and a condensed water returning tube
connected to the condensed water discharging unit so as
25 to return the condensed water from the condensed water

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discharging unit to the steam generator through one of the condensed water inlet port; and

d) curling tongs to support the heating unit so as to allow the heating unit to heat the target material while the curling tongs grasp the target material, ~~the curling tongs~~ including: a handle used as a grip of the curling tongs, with a part of the steam feeding tube passing through the handle; a main arm connected to the handle, and supporting the steam storing/heat dissipating tube; a sub-arm hinged to the main arm such that the sub-arm comes into contact with or moves away from the steam storing/heat dissipating tube; and a lever connected to the sub-arm so as to allow a user to rotate the sub-arm relative to the main arm.

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